

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

When America still had something close to a republic in the early 1800s, corporations that were chartered were kept under watchful citizen and government control. Thomas Jefferson and just about everybody else knew that BIGNESS was a threat to democracy, that bigness inherently led to totalitarianism. Mr. Powell wants to believe that those who oppose BIG CORPORATIONS are for BIG GOVERNMENT. Not at all. Both BIG GOVERNMENT and BIG CORPORATIONS are the enemies of democracy. If you actually read your own hero, Adam Smith and his Wealth of Nations, you'd discover that even this right wing icon tells you that.